



Presentation to the Community Health Worker Advisory Program

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CHRC Mission & Strategic Priorities

Created by the Maryland General Assembly in 2005:

- Expand access to health care in **underserved communities**;
- Support projects that serve **low-income Marylanders**, regardless of insurance status; and
- Build capacity of **safety net providers** to serve more residents.

Strategic Priorities:

- Serve **vulnerable populations** regardless of insurance status;
- Reduce **health disparities** and promote health equity; and
- Support **sustainable, innovative** and **replicable** projects.

CHRC Commissioners

Eleven Commissioners, appointed by the Governor

Elizabeth Chung, CHRC Chair and Executive Director, Asian American Center of Frederick

J. Wayne Howard, CHRC Vice Chair, Former President and CEO, Choptank Community Health System, Inc.

Scott T. Gibson, Senior Vice President of People and Programs, Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc.

Celeste James, Executive Director of Community Health and Benefit, Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States

Maulik S. Joshi, Dr. P.H., President & CEO, Meritus Health

Edward H. Kasemeyer, Former Chair, Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

Karen-Ann Lichtenstein, Former President & CEO of The Coordinating Center

Carol M. Masden, LCSW-C, MDPCP Project Manager, Lois A. Narr, D.O., LLC

Destiny-Simone Ramjohn, Vice President, Community Health and Social Impact, CareFirst BlueCross Blue Shield

Erica I. Shelton, M.D., Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine

Carol Ivy Simmons, Ph.D. Kaiser Permanente



Impact of CHRC Grants

- 312 grants totaling \$72.9 million.
- Fund projects in all **24 jurisdictions**.
- More than **504,000 Marylanders** received services, many of whom have **complex health and social service needs**.
- Federally Qualified Health Centers, local Health Departments, free clinics and outpatient behavioral health providers.

CHRC & Community Health Workers

Since 2016, the CHRC has funded (11) programs totaling \$2.8 million that support the delivery of CHW services in rural, urban and suburban communities they serve, including the following:

- Case management
- Screenings and referrals for health and other social needs
- Promoting health literacy and delivering culturally appropriate health education
- Healthcare navigation to assist in accessing necessary medical and social services
- Helping individuals improve self-management of chronic diseases to reduce the need for emergency and specialty services